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SUBJECT: BOEING CASE

1. FOLLOWING IS COMPLETE TEXT SUNA ITEM PUBLISHED THURSDAY,
AUGUST 31 AND PROMINENTLY FEATURED IN LOCAL PRESS: BEGIN TEXT:
BOEING AGENT TO BE SUED

KHARTOUM, AUGUST 31 (SUNA) - THE PROSECUTOR GENERAL,
SAYED OMER OSMAN EL MARDI, HAS ASKED THE JUDICIARY HERE TO
SUE SAYED ELSIR ABBAS, AGENT OF BOEING COMPANY IN SUDAN UNDER
CHARGES OF BRIBE TAKING AND ILLEGITIMATE TRANSACTIONS. THE
CASE AGAINST SAYED ABBAS WAS FOUNDED ON INFORMATION AND
DOCUMENTS RECEIVED FROM THE U.S. JUSTICE MINISTRY ACCORDING
TO THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AGREEMENT SIGNED BY THE TWO
COUNTRIES. THE DOCUMENTS REVEALED THAT SAYED ABBAS HAD
SIGNED TWO AGREEMENTS WITH BOEING COMPANY. ONE OF THE
AGREEMENTS WAS BRANDED CONFIDENTIAL ACCORDING TO WHICH HE
RECEIVED COMMISSIONS AMOUNTING TO 680,000 DOLLARS PAID TO SOME
OF HIS AGENTS ABROAD. THE SAID COMMISSIONS HAD
CONSTITUTED A PORTION OF THE TOTAL PRICE OF THE FOUR
JETLINERS THAT AMOUNTS TO 24 MILLION DOLLARS. THE AGREE-
MENT STIPULATES THAT RESULTS OF INVESTIGATIONS SHOULD NOT
BE MADE PUBLIC IF NOT APPROVED BY BOTH PARTIES.

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CONTACTS ARE UNDERWAY WITH THE U.S. JUSTICE MINISTRY AND
FURTHER INFORMATION WOULD BE AVAILABLE WHEN THE TWO
CONCERNED PARTIES AGREE TO RELEASE IT. THE ATTORNEY
GENERAL CHAMBER HAS FORMED INVESTIGATION COMMITTEES IN
THESE VIOLATIONS FOLLOWING THE PUBLICATION OF THE SCANDAL'S
NEWS IN THE AMERICAN PRESS. END TEXT

2. COMMENT: LAST TIME WE SAW PROSECUTOR GENERAL OMER AL-MARDI, HE MENTIONED THAT HE DISCUSSED HANDLING OF BOEING CASE BY LOCAL PRESS HERE WITH DOJ OFFICIALS DURING HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON EARLIER THIS SUMMER. BELIEVE SUNA ITEM REPRESENTS WHAT HE CONSIDERS PROPER BALANCE BETWEEN WHAT MUST BE REVEALED TO PUBLIC AND REQUIREMENTS TO MAINTAIN CONFIDENTIALITY UNDER U.S.-SUDAN AGREEMENT. BOGOSIAN

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